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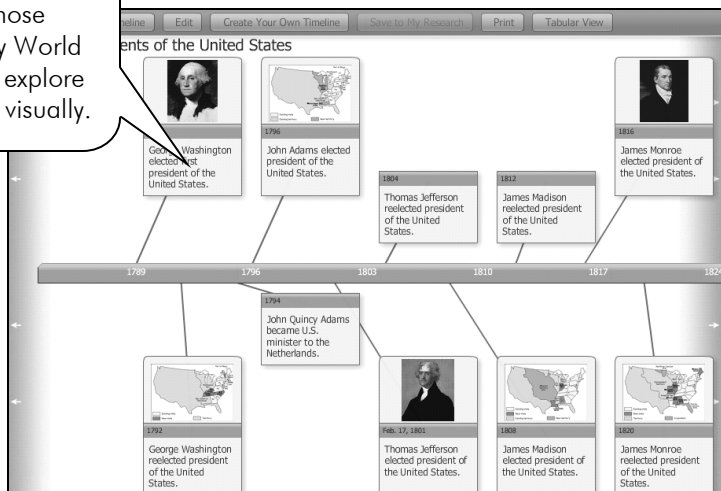
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Pakistan, «PAK ih STAN or PAH kih STAHN», is a Muslim country in southern Asia officially called the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Its capital is Islamabad, and its largest city is Karachi.

Almost all the people of Pakistan practice Islam, the Muslim religion. Despite their common religion, Pakistanis have strong ties to different cultures. The major cultural groups include Punjabis, Sindhis, Pashtuns (or Pakhtuns), and Balu... inhabits a different ... of Pakistan, but less ... mary language. ... res together into a unified nation.

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Computer Basics
You can use a computer to write documents, listen to songs, and watch movies. Computers also can serve as gateways to the Internet—the vast system of interconnected computers around the world, and all the information they collectively contain.

Learning to use a computer is not that hard. This page explains some of the basic terms and ideas of using a computer.

Computer hardware
Hardware refers to all the parts of a computer that you can physically touch—the screen or monitor, the keyboard, the mouse, the DVD player, and all the circuits and other pieces of metal, plastic, and silicon inside the machine's casing.

Computer hardware comes in many different forms. Desktop computers are designed to stay in one place, plugged into a wall socket. They typically have large monitors and a mouse. Laptops are smaller machines that include a keyboard and screen in a single unit that opens and closes like a book. They have rechargeable batteries and so do not need to constantly be plugged into a wall. Some cell phones basically function like small computers. They have screens and keyboards and can connect to the Internet.

Key terms for computer basics:

- **Hardware** refers to the parts of a computer that you can physically touch.
- **Software** refers to programs and other digital files, the "mind" to hardware's "bo...
- **Operating system** is the software program that controls all the others.
- **Cursor** is the little arr... you move around t... with your mouse.
- **Hard drive** is a pie... hardware that cont... information on you... computer.

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